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those who strike the most favorable deal, they think that they merit most of the money into circulation. There are two influential persons in the Government, the Prime Minister, M. Mercier, in the first place, and the Minister of Finance, M. Bédarride, in the second place. M. Mercier, in the first place, is out of power, and Jean Bédarride must be made to take the side of the Government as a whole, to take the side of the men who are in power and who have control, for the Government is not a body of men, it is a body of ideas. In this place, the clergy show a slight disposition to take the side of the Lieutenant-Governor and not the side of the Prime Minister. M. Bédarride, a purist in politics, but who is plous, and if his priest tip him a wink he will certainly come over to the side of the Government. He is violently on the other side. On the whole, the Government must look out for its own interests, and so, the whole inner history of Mercierism will in due time be given to this country. The Government of the Empire had extraordinary methods of making money, and the Government of the Empire away with the public money has already been shown. The Government of the Empire, in election expenses, he would give a contract to a stationer for the supply of stationery to the Government, and he would give him a contract, and before a dollar's worth of stationery had been furnished would issue a "letter of credit" for \$20,000 in the Government, and he would straightaway pay over \$25,000 to the agent of the Premier. This is exactly what is going on in the Empire. There are many other things to match. So far as one can see, however, Mercierism is only this, it is a system of making money out of the money we go far enough back in the political history of the Empire to find the same thing gloriously perpetrated by Sir John Macdonald.

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TREASURER WEBSTER'S ACCOUNTS.

No Light Yet on the Mystery as to Kingdon's Alleged Treasury Deficiency.

KINGSTON, N. Y., Feb. 21.—The result of Expert Trenholm's examination of the accounts of ex-City Treasurer Webster has been a general tone of conversation here to-day, and the investigation of the alleged deficiency of the late Webster has not been the gainer, but is the victim of misplaced confidence in friends. The report of the investigating committee is now awaited, and it promises additional disclosures. Since the Common Council authorized the investigation many obstacles have been thrown in the way of the investigation of the estate of the late millionaire, Thomas Cornell, who year after year was Treasurer Webster's principal bondsmann. The leading taxpayers became convinced because of this that some mystery surrounded the transactions of Treasurer Webster. This feeling was intensified at a meeting of the board of aldermen, which was shown that the general fund of the city was overdrawn several thousand dollars during October and November last, and on Dec. 23, a few days before the expiration of Treasurer Webster's term, the deficiency was made good, and Mr. Webster refused to explain how the overdraft came on, and how it was made good to the city.

It was given by Cuykendall, the then on-in-law of Thomas Cornell, when on the witness stand, admitted that he had advised Webster not to pay the overdraft, but that he had told the auditors that the bank book will reveal that that several checks of \$10,000 and \$5,000 were given by Cuykendall, and the overdraft was posted. Should there be a shortage in the accounts, Cuykendall and the Cornell estate would be liable for the overdraft. Cuykendall were on the bond. A singular fact was brought to light during the examination of the accounts of the late Treasurer, that there was no bond in one year and that some of the irregularities were committed by the late Webster. The investigating committee met on last Friday, and Mr. Webster was summoned before it and could not appear. He had been called on to account for the difference, and insisted that his bookkeeping was correct and that he had turned over to his successor all the money in the city.

HYPOLYTE BORROWS MONEY.

Business Interest for Anybody But a Dictator—Legitimate's \$5 Bills Made Current.

Advices from Hayti say that Hypolyte has secured a loan from the bankers of Port-au-Prince at an annual rate of interest of 12 percent. He has secured \$1,800,000 in monthly payments of \$150,000. Interest at the rate of 1 percent a month is to be paid, beginning with Feb. 25 and at the rate of 1 1/2 cent per month, beginning with Feb. 1, 1893. Capital and interest are secured and paid off monthly by a tax on the export duties, equal to \$1 on every 100 pounds of coffee, \$1.25 on every 100 pounds of logwood, and \$1.25 on every 100 pounds of cocoa.

The loan is made to Hypolyte not in gold but in bills which are now depreciated to 25 percent. A commission of 5 per cent is allowed to the bankers. The most astounding feature of the loan is that the bills of Legitime, issued in 1888, are received on par with the national bank notes of the Hypolyte. These bills were repudiated by Hypolyte at his accession to the Presidency.

The interest, amounting each month to \$1,800,000, is to be paid in gold or in bills of the loan. Legitime had in his possession about \$80,000 of his \$5 bills. The bankers paid him \$100,000 for them, but Legitime refused the money now finds himself made rich by his most bold political maneuver. He has now \$257,000 in these bank notes in Port-au-Prince.

Dentist Moore's Family in Peril.

WHITE PLAINS, Feb. 21.—At 4 o'clock this morning fire was discovered in the west wing of Dentist K. C. Moore's house in Broadway. His wife and children were sleeping in the east wing and were not aware of their peril until they were aroused by neighbors. A number of Wooley patients who board in this neighborhood aided in carrying Mrs. Moore from the house. She had no time to clothe herself before her rescue. It was two hours before the fire was under control. The house had received a visit from the fire engine of George W. Clowre of New York and been filled up with new furniture and interior decorations. The

To-morrow, Washington's Birthday is a legal holiday here, and the departments, both national and municipal, will be closed. Although the day will not be celebrated by the observance of any set programme, there will be patriotic meetings and parades. The Old-Fashioned Christmas dinner and annual address of the President's farwell address will be read. The first Continental Congress will be announced. The Daughters of the American Revolution will be held to-morrow at the Church of the Presidents. The President's farwell address will be delivered by the President-General, Mrs. Benjamin Harrison, who will deliver an address of farewell to the President-General of the National Society, which will be responded to by Mrs. Clifford L. Breckinridge, Regent of Arkansas. The day will be taken up. At its conclusion the national hymn will be sung and the society will adjourn on Tuesday morning.

Representative Robert Hitt of Illinois is an authority on diplomatic subjects in the House, and is connected with the State Department. He has done diplomatic service at home and abroad, and also long service in the Committee on Foreign Affairs. In connection with the controversy over the Chinese Exclusion act, he has been asked by the House as to who shall have the credit of forcing the passage of a Chinese Exclusion act. He has answered that it was the result of the direct violation of the treaty with the Chinese Government, and is not posing as a patriotic act. He said that he believed that there is more political sentiment than anything else in the matter, and that he believed that there are men in Congress to-day from the Pacific coast who have small armies of Chinese laborers, and that they are afraid to say that they declare that they could not get along without Chinese domestics. If the Chinese Exclusion act is passed, they will be ruined, and there was no further pretext to frigate the question, some of our political friends said. He said that he believed that the question of affairs would result, he said, to the ruin of the silver question, and that the floor would be adjourned. Mr. Stumps of Maryland and Mr. Geary of California are involved in an amusing but none the less serious question. They are both members of the same political party, and are both in the House. While they were disputing as to who should receive the honor of a Chinese bill in the House. While they were disputing as to who should receive the honor of a Chinese bill in the House.

The Chadwick Civic Club is a new organization with headquarters at the Neighborhood house, 147 Forsyth street. It was fairly launched yesterday. It is named after Edwin Chadwick, an Englishman who lived early in the century and who was the first to plan a municipal reformer and did much to improve sanitary, social, and educational conditions.

The object of the newly created society is to promote the sanitary, social, and educational welfare of the citizens and expose neglect of the city to the contemptuous scorn of the cleaning, street obstructions, public baths and gymnasiums, public parks and playgrounds, and other winter concerns, are a few of the matters which the members of the society will do to improve. They believe that reform must come near home, and so will first undertake to clean up the things out in the vicinity of their constituents.

The President of the club is Edward King, and the first meeting was held at his place rather about him followers in whatever part of the city he may be located, and push the matter forward.

At their meeting yesterday afternoon the club passed resolutions, denouncing the vote of the city council to allow the city to exhibit at the Chicago Exposition on Sundays by vote of 4 to 47. They also condemned the city for not providing a place for the city in maintaining a reception house for fever patients at Essex street, the centre of a neighborhood.

The Ladies.

The pleasant effort was made safely with which ladies may use the California fluid laxative syrup of Dr. J. C. Williams. To get the true and genuine article, look for the name of the California Fig Syrup Co., printed near the bottom of the wrapper.

ground builder, and it was rumored that he could have a plenty of work from the Fire company. He was, however, a miser, and this is probably true, but at the same time it is said that he had aroused such animosity among the men of the company that he was expelled. Last week, it is said on good authority, the Merchants' Insurance Company of Newark refused to insure his property, and another company refused to assume the risk. One of the officers of the former company said that he did not enter into the matter, but the company had a right to refuse any risk, and that in view of the occurrences of the past week, it was not surprising. Another insurance man said that Mr. Waagner could probably have trouble getting insured, and that he would consider the "real hazard" in his case.

Dr. Costa Whitewashes Tammany.

The Rev. Dr. R. F. De Costa, at the Church St. John the Evangelist yesterday morning, spoke upon the subject "Before Tammany, that?" He spoke of the white sepulchres referred to in Luke, tenth chapter, forty-fourth verse—sepulchres beautiful without, but within full of corruption. He said that the society of today, there is among us to-day a state of corruption, and that the society of to-day is corrupt. The Jew of old, when he found a grave overgrown with grass and shrubs, was not inclined to go near it. He said that the preacher said he desired to put a little whitewash upon the grave of society to mark it, not to conceal it.

Madness that Followed Motherhood.

The dead body of Martha Bothner, a young married woman who lived on the top floor of the four-story apartment house at 311 William street, was found in the city morgue yesterday afternoon and the front building shortly before 1:30 A. M. yesterday. Mrs. Bothner gave birth to a child about ten days ago, and suffered from a severe attack of puerperal fever, and while her husband was asleep she threw herself from one of the windows. The coroner's jury, which was called yesterday, closed what had happened on finding the body, and the jury was called to find her guilty of murder.

Three Brooklyn Burglaries.
The house of Robert Campbell of 187 Halcyon street, Brooklyn, was entered late on Saturday night by means of false keys and \$120 worth of jewelry was stolen.

Burglars cut the panel out of the rear basement door of Joseph C. Mannelly's house, 238 West 124th street, on Saturday morning and stole \$50 worth of silverware.

On Saturday morning a silver watch worth \$10 was stolen from Michael Follipo's grocery, 4 Navy street, early yesterday morning. The watch was valued at \$10 Bridge street, was arrested for this robbery.

Dead Frenchman as They Were Born.
Three interesting little voyagers on the Atlantic steamship *Albatross* were another victim of the "Havre" epidemic. They were a mother and two children, who had just returned from New York, to which they were returning, after bringing them. They were Georges, Henri, and Louis (nearly, born on Feb. 5 in Havre, and died simultaneously on Saturday night, just from days old, and seven days after being sailed from Havre.

Arrested for a \$2,500 Theft.
ABRAHAM PARK, Feb. 21.—Abram Stroussberg, as arrested here last evening by State Detective Patterson upon a charge of being the man who stole \$2,500 worth of clothing from the store of Simon Levy four years ago. Stroussberg was taken to the county jail at Frohdoth default of \$3,000 bail.

The First of Icebergs.
The first iceberg of the season reported by the vessel at the port, was seen by the German steamship *Halle* on Monday last. It was about twenty-five feet high, and was in latitude 47° 40' northeast of the banks, far out

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MISS VOSHALL'S SUICIDE.

Has and Carries With Her a Bottle of
Loves and Tosses a Canister of Potassium

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—At 11 o'clock on Thursday night Miss Fannie J. Voshall, daughter of John F. Voshall, a retired lumber merchant of Erie, returned to her home from a social visit under the escort of her affianced suitor, Frank G. Smith, a well-known young photographer, with whom, it is supposed, she has some misunderstanding during the evening. At the door of her own residence she met a man in a dark robe and hat, who was waiting for her. She turned back and saw him coming from her room, and her parents and her unconscious on the floor in her night dress. Medical aid was summoned, but the man disappeared. The coroner called a physician. An empty vial in the room suggested suicide, but the theory was rejected. The coroner found a small hole in the back of the head, a fracture of the skull, and a hemorrhage of the brain, resulting from mania. The man was supposed to be the brother of the deceased, the cause of death, and analysis of the contents of the stomach was made yesterday by two expert chemists, who reported that the girl had taken a "kiss of potassium, one of the deadliest of poisons, in the stomach. It is regarded as a significant fact that the coroner's report was almost unanimously used by photographers in developing negatives. The coroner will hold an in-

POUGHKEEPSIE, Feb. 21.—Episcopal Church circles in Dutchess county are delighted over the acquisition to its ministry of the Rev. William B. Evans, a prominent Lutheran clergyman of Baltimore. He has been a preacher in the Lutheran Church for eighteen years, and will now accept the pastorate of the Episcopal church in Pleasant Valley. It was only a few days ago that he was the pastor of the Lutheran pastor of Red Hook. In this county, he resigned his charge and became an Episcopalian on his vacation at the home of his friends, on vacations as the guest of Mr. Wiekert, and the conversion of the Baltimore clergyman is due to the influence of the Rev. Mr. Wiekert, the deakert. The venerable Archdeacon Ziegenfuss of this district, and also pastor of Christ church at Pleasant Valley, he considered, for the clergyman of the Lutheran belief. Mr. Evans will leave a large pastorate in Baltimore, and will be leaving behind him more than one hundred souls. To-day, in the little Episcopal church at Pleasant Valley, he conducted a service at 10 o'clock. In his sermon he made no allusion

his change of faith.

Minnie Geofrey's Husband was Mr. Fenton of Danbury.

DANBURY, Feb. 21.—Henry Nichols, the husband of Minnie Geofreys, who committed suicide at 208 West Thirty-ninth street, New York, last week, succeeded completely in concealing his identity. It became known here yesterday that Henry Nichols was Henry N. Fenton, one of the wealthiest and most prominent young men of this city. He is not a comely man, but of good looks and good nature. He is a member of the firm of Green & Fenton. He was well known as a lover of the drama, and a frequent contributor to the New York Herald. He is a son of Gen. H. N. Fenton, at Department Commander of the G. A. R. He was married to Miss Geofrey, who was well known here. They thought his frequent trips to New York were on business.

He Locomotive Flung Over a Forty-foot Embankment.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Feb. 21.—The engine on the Eastern express No. 104 on the Balti-

Over a Clock Last Night. The engine rolled down a forty-foot embankment. Engineer Edward Mahan of Glenwood was instantly killed. Passengers were hurt. The accident was caused by the engine being out of control when the engine broke. None of the cars left the track.

A London Fog in Lockport. LOCKPORT, Feb. 21.—The dense fog which is overspread Niagara county for the past six or eight hours shows no sign of rising. It is so dense in Lockport that pedestrians have to feel their way about. The fog is so thick across the street. Several slight accidents have occurred on the railroads owing to it. The fog is so thick that it is almost dark at noon this morning in this city, badly smashing the pilots of both engines. The electric lights are not of much use, and the engine is on a candle light through the dense fog.

Mother-in-Law to Her Own Sister. HARRISBURG, Feb. 21.—George Smiley, 65 years old, of Harrisburg, has just married Miss

son of the late Carman of southeastern Missouri, in his city. The bride is the youngest sister of the wife of Dr. M. Smiley, son of the bridegroom's father. By this peculiar union the bride becomes the mother-in-law of her elder sister, and the sister-in-law of her youngest sister. The father and son are now brothers-in-law. The five children of the son are now the grandchildren of their late aunt.

Found Dead in a Railroad Yard.

CHUMBERLAND, Feb. 21.—The remains of a man, supposed to be named Depew of Peekskill, N. Y., were found in a railroad yard here, in the morning. The body was lying on its back in the baggage car of a freight train. His head, arms, and one foot were protruding from the open door. He was apparently dead and lay asleep on the tracks.

The Body of "Red Nose Mike" Stolen.

WILKESBARRE, Feb. 21.—It has just been ascertained that the body of "Red Nose Mike," the villain who was hanged in 1888 for the murder of Paymaster McClure and his body guard, has been stolen from its grave in Hanover cemetery.

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